

Summary of February 2025 RSD17 Board of Education Meeting

New Board Member Introduction

The Chair introduced the new Haddam Board Member, Sonja Charpentier.

Cougar Pride

Principal Reed introduced student Hunter Paulsen and Library Specialist Mrs. Murphy, who presented to the Board about the KES student-led Newspaper.

Student Representative Report

- February 14th was Signing Day for all student-athletes who will continue their athletic career at the collegiate level.
- Senior Learning Expectation One Interviews have begun. This interview, along with the senior portfolio, is part of the graduation requirement and a way to reflect on the successes.
- Former HK alumni Thomas Perry played in the East-West Shrine Bowl in January, and his performance may earn him a spot in the NFL draft.

Superintendent's Report

- The district has received the second round of funding for the Local Food for Schools Initiative, totaling \$8,430. A designated coordinator has been assigned to assist in identifying local farms willing to participate in the program and to ensure the funds are utilized by the end of the year.
- The district is pleased that the onboarding of the new Comptroller has commenced.
- The Curriculum Office worked to develop an updated chemical hygiene plan for science, art, and tech ed labs.
- The HKHS Drama Club announced that they will be performing the musical "The Drowsy Chaperone" this spring.
- HKHS hosted its first Math Honor Society induction ceremony in January.

HKHS Feasibility Study Team Update

Michael Ayles and Jack Butkus from Arcadis presented an update following the February 6th Feasibility Study Team meeting. The team was presented with the updated Educational specifications, reviewed revisions to the new construction and renovation plans, and decided on options to be sent to the cost estimators to be discussed at the February 20th Feasibility team meeting. The Board discussed the design options that would be presented to the estimators, asked clarifying questions, and discussed potential next steps for a project timeline.

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Information on the HKHS Feasibility Study may be found at <https://sites.google.com/view/hkhsproject>.